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SUBJ: SHABA INVASION: INTERVENTION OF MOROCCAN AND EGYPTIAN
FORCES

REF: A) CAIRO 5983/081226Z APR 77 B) STATE 80323

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